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1. Ostrava

- a. Between March and May 1954, [] a large number of members of the Technical Auxiliary Battalion (Pomocny technicky prapor - PTP) engaged in coal mining near Ostrava. They wore regular military uniforms with black shoulderboards without piping. Ranks were shown by red stripes. The highest enlisted rank seen was that of corporal. Some of the men wore crossed hatchets on their shoulderboards.
- b. The PTP men lived in about four barracks located about one half kilometer in an unknown direction from the mines. Three of the barracks were old German World War II, one-story wooden buildings, painted green, and had gabled roofs. The largest wooden building measured about 50 x 10 m., the other two, about 45 x 10 m. The fourth barracks, about 25 x 10 m., was constructed of brick with a gray stucco finish. The entire barracks area was enclosed by

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a wooden picket fence. [redacted] no guard at the gate

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c. [redacted] some of the PTP men [redacted] had close order drill without weapons. They never fired or carried weapons because all were considered politically unreliable.

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d. In May 1954, [redacted] the PTP men were leaving and that single miners were to occupy the PTP barracks. PTP men remained at the mines for short temporary periods and were assigned only for the purpose of helping to reach the assigned quota of coal output. When this was accomplished, they were moved elsewhere.

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2. Liptovsky Svaty Mikulas 2

[redacted] at the training center at Liptovsky Svaty Mikulas (N 49-05, E 19-37) [redacted] soldiers there [redacted] wore green uniforms; the air force personnel wore blue. [redacted]

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[redacted] there was a caserne in the town at an unknown point along the Orava River.

3. Dolni Kubin 3

a. [redacted] at the aviation preparatory school in Dolni Kubin (N 49-12, E 19-18) [redacted] there were no EM other than those the air force assigned to the school. The school service company consisted of about 30 - 40 EM and included clerks, cooks, drivers, and detail men. There were about 300 students and about 30 officer instructors including about four infantry officers, one captain and three lieutenants, who conducted the advanced infantry course for the students.

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b. Training took place at the school training area located about two kilometers from the school. [redacted]

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[redacted] About three afternoons each week were devoted to advanced infantry training theory and practice. The students were armed with 7.92 mm, Model 98M, rifles. Training consisted of squads in attack tactics, advance of squads as skirmishers, and the wiping out of a machine gun nest. A grenade-throwing exercise was also conducted, using Skoda Model 34 assault grenades which were cylinder-shaped.

c. [redacted] the Czechoslovak Army had an apparatus which enabled the [redacted] (a Czech-made AT weapon) to be fired at tanks and other armored vehicles at night without a source of light.

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4. [redacted] at the Brno-Slatina (N 49-11, E 16-41) airbase 25X1
[redacted] the 3rd Fighter Regiment, 25X1
had S-199 planes. A neighboring unit [redacted]
had B-33 planes. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] their B-33's made ground-air support flights in 25X1
connection with ground troop training. [redacted]
the planes [redacted] Occasionally 25X1
flights. [redacted] also made similar ground-air support

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